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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Hexham :—

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

During the year, 149 live births and 128 deaths, including 8 children under 1 year of age, occurred in the area. These figures give a live birth rate of 16.0 per 1,000 of the estimated population, a general death rate of 13.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population and an infant mortality rate of 53.0 per 1,000 live births.

Compared with last year these figures show that there has been a rise in the birth rate, a drop in the general death rate and a rise in the infant mortality rate. In considering these rates, however, it must be borne in mind that they are based on comparatively small figures and in consequence can be misleading.

It is of interest to note that of the 128 deaths, half were of persons over 70 years of age and more than two-thirds of the deaths were due to malignant neoplasms or diseases of the circulatory system. Of the 8 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 6 were due to congenital malformation or the hazards of birth.

During the year, 340 cases of notifiable diseases were notified. Outstanding among these were 298 cases of measles the majority of which occurred during an epidemic lasting from April to July. Only one case of acute poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

In September an animal received into the knackers yard was found to be suffering from anthrax. Five of the employees at the knackers yard were offered and accepted prophylactic injections.

During the month of August, as a precautionary measure against possible shortage, water was pumped from the Rowley Burn to maintain the reserves at the Wydon Burn Reservoir.

Sewage disposal facilities are unchanged and sewage from the town continues to be treated by three sewage works. Repairs and modifications continue to be carried out to improve the efficiency of the works.

In concluding this report, may I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the interest they have shown in the work of my department and for their unfailing support during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J. H. MAUGHAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres	5,926
Estimated Population	9,330

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

Live Births.	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	69 ...	75 ...	144
Illegitimate	3 ...	2 ...	5
			149

Still Births.	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	4 ...	— ...	4
Illegitimate	— ...	— ...	—
			4

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population...	16.0
Total (Live and Still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.4

DEATHS.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	
Puer. and post-abort.-sepsis	Nil
Other maternal causes	Nil
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.	
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	53.0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	55.6
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	23
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	1
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (all causes and all ages)	13.7

The following Table classifies deaths according to their age groups and as to their certification :—

	Certified		Uncertified	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0—1	5	3	—	—
1—2	—	—	—	—
2—5	1	—	—	—
5—15	—	1	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—
25—45	3	—	—	—
45—50	2	2	—	—
50—55	3	5	—	—
55—60	2	5	—	—
60—65	6	5	—	—
65—70	9	12	—	—
70—75	8	5	—	1
75—80	6	10	—	—
80—85	9	13	—	—
85—90	2	7	—	—
90—95	—	2	—	—
95—100	—	—	—	—
Over 100	—	1	—	—
	56	71	—	1

The chief causes of death are as follows :—

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis of resp. system	2	—
Tuberculosis, other	1	—
Syphilitic disease	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2
,, ,, lung, bronchus	—	2
,, ,, breast	—	1
,, ,, uterus	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	13
Coronary disease, angina	8	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	7	18
Other circulatory disease	2	5
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	9	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—
All other accidents	1	—
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
All causes	56	72
Total ...	128	

INFANT MORTALITY DURING YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under 1 Year.

Causes of Death.	Under 1 wk.	1—2 wks.	2—3 wks.	3—4 wks.	Total under 1 mth	1—3 mths.	3—6 mths.	6—9 mths.	9—12 mths.	Total Deaths under 1 yr.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pul. Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis (not Tuberculosis)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Congenital Malformation ...	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Marasmus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atelectasis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Injury at birth	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All causes — Certified ...	4	2	—	—	6	—	1	1	—	2
All causes — Uncertified ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand Totals	4	2	—	—	6	—	1	1	—	2

VITAL & MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
1930	17.4	11.5	67. 0
1931	17.7	13.7	44.8
1932	14.9	13.1	112.8
1933	12.4	14.4	62.5
1934	13.9	12.5	88.7
1935	13.7	12.3	80.6
1936	16.6	13.4	59.6
1937	13.2	15.8	132.2
1938	14.0	13.5	47.2
1939	12.1	15.6	36.6
1940	12.8	13.4	43.4
1941	12.6	13.3	93.9
1942	11.9	12.9	64.5
1943	13.2	12.8	50.7
1944	14.0	13.6	37.5
1945	13.2	11.8	15.4
1946	16.6	12.4	18.5
1947	18.5	14.3	54.9
1948	17.7	12.2	12.4
1949	13.9	17.3	39.4
1950	16.0	13.7	53.0

Birth-Rate, Death-Rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1950.

	Rate per 1,000 total Population		Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population									Rate per 1,000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis	Influenza	Smallpox	Acute Polio-myelitis & Polio-encephalitis	Pneumonia	Enteritis & Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	Total Deaths under one year
England and Wales ...	15.8	0.37	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.36	0.10	0.00	0.02	0.46	1.9	29.8
126 County Boroughs & Great Towns, including London ...	17.6	0.45	12.3	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.49	2.2	33.8
148 Smaller Towns (estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	16.7	0.38	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.33	0.10	—	0.02	0.45	1.6	29.4
London Adm. County	17.8	0.36	11.8	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.39	0.07	—	0.01	0.48	1.0	26.3
Hexham U.D. ...	16.0	0.43	13.7	—	—	—	0.32	—	—	—	0.43	6.71	53.0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1950.

Notifiable Disease.	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 & upward
Scarlet Fever	14	—	—	5	9	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	7	2	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	298	9	35	137	112	1	4	—	—
Pneumonia	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Acute polioencephalitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute polioencephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Food Poisoning	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
Totals	328	12	35	144	126	2	6	3	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1930-1950.

Year.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Measles	Ac. Pneumonia	Cerebrospinal Fever.	Acute Polio-myelitis	Acute Polio-encephalitis	Acute Encephalitist Lethargica	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Nenonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Smallpox	Paratyphoid Fevers	Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning
1930	20	—	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1931	12	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1932	4	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1933	10	—	2	—	38	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—
1934	56	—	2	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	9	—
1935	57	—	20	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	—
1936	117	—	17	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	—
1937	10	—	2	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
1938	32	—	5	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—
1939	25	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
1940	11	—	10	212	10	12	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—
1941	20	39	80	46	14	4	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
1942	12	1	15	6	39	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1943	17	7	3	116	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1944	18	1	17	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
1945	34	—	1	8	7	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1946	7	24	1	93	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1947	6	18	1	29	5	—	26	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
1948	7	31	—	60	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1949	12	7	—	8	10	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	59
1950	14	7	—	298	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	3

TUBERCULOSIS.—New cases and Mortality during 1950 :—

Age periods	New Cases				Nett Deaths in Hexham Urban District			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulm.		Pulmonary		Non Pulm.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 ...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 ...	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
35—45 ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
45—55 ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
55—65 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	4	3	3	2	2	—	—	—

	Cases Notified	Deaths
Gilesgate Ward	4	1
Leazes Ward	2	—
Priestpopple Ward ...	2	—
Hencotes Ward ...	4	1
	12	2

FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS (CORRECTED) RETURNED TO REGISTRAR GENERAL.

1st Qrtr.	2nd Qrtr.	3rd Qrtr.	4th Qrtr.	Total
Nil	Nil	3	Nil	3

OUTBREAKS DUE TO IDENTIFIED AGENTS.

Total Outbreaks—1. Total cases—3. Total deaths—Nil.

Outbreaks Due To :—

(a) Chemical Poisons ... ... Nil
(b) Salmonella Organisms 1
(c) Staphylococci (including toxin) ... ... Nil
(d) Cl. botulinum ... ... Nil
(e) Other bacteria ... ... Nil

OUTBREAKS OF UNDISCOVERED CAUSE.

Total Outbreaks—Nil. Total cases—Nil. Total deaths—Nil.

SINGLE CASES.

Agent identified—Nil. Unknown cause—Nil. Total—Nil.

HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1. Hospitals.

There are in the district two hospitals, namely the Hexham General Hospital and the Hexham War Memorial Hospital under the management of the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee. These hospitals together with others in the area under the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee and the Newcastle group of hospitals are available to cases from the area.

Cases of infectious diseases requiring admission to hospital are referred to the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle upon Tyne.

2. Ambulance Service.

The British Red Cross acting as agents for the Northumberland County Council provide an ambulance service which serves the district. An ambulance station is situated at West Orchard, Hexham.

3. Home Help Service.

The Northumberland County Council Home Help Service is in operation in the district. Home Helps are available to householders where such help is required owing to illness or confinement and their services are obtained through the office of the West Area Health Sub-Committee.

4. Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

The following Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are held in the district :—

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC :—Hexham General Hospital, Friday, 9-30 a.m.—12-0 a.m. and 1-30 p.m.—4-0 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC :—Hexham General Hospital, first three Wednesdays in every month, 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m.

5. Midwifery and Home Nursing Service.

These services are now administered by the Northumberland County Council and in this district are combined. There are two Nurse Midwives working in the Hexham Urban District.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

(Hugh Mitchell)

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Factories...	126
Milk and Dairies	72
Drainage Works : Choked	13
Reconstructed	24
New	51
Sanitary Conveniences	52
Water Supply	49
Food Premises	247
Shops	49
Slaughter Houses and Knackers' Yards	416
Moveable Dwellings	10
Keeping of Animals	16
Smoke Nuisances	21
Offensive Trades	15
Offensive Accumulations	23
Markets and Marts	32
Housing Visits, including Public Health and Housing Acts ...	168
Council House Visits	133
Common Lodging Houses	17
Disinfestation of Rats, Mice and other Vermin	314
Total ...	1,848

SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED.

	Hexham Urban District.	By Informal Action	After Statutory Notice	Total
Sanitary Conveniences	Privies abolished...	—	—	—
	,, repaired	—	—	—
	Privy ashpits abolished	—	—	—
	,, ,, roofed or repaired	—	—	—
	Pail-closets abolished	—	—	—
	Water closets provided ...	—	—	—
	,, ,, repaired ...	—	—	—
	Sanitary bins provided ...	33	—	33
	,, ,, renewed ...	26	—	26
Drainage	New drains constructed ...	47	—	47
	Drains repaired or reconstructed	34	—	34
	Additional gullies provided ...	9	—	9
	Old gullies replaced	17	—	17
	Scullery sinks provided	5	—	5
	,, waste pipes repaired ...	2	—	2
	,, ,, trapped ...	—	—	—
	Yards repaired or reconstructed	5	—	5
Water supply	Number of Samples collected 41 Sources closed or discontinued 1. No. of houses affected, 1 New Service provided :— (a) By Local Authority ... 26 No. of houses ... 26 (b) By Private Owner 7 No. of houses ... 7 Number of Dwelling Houses supplied by :— (a) Internal Tap or ... ... 33 (b) Standpipe ... ... Nil			

FOOD INSPECTION.

During the year 1950, two scheduled diseases occurred within the Urban Area, and were dealt with by the appropriate authority under the Diseases of Aniamls Acts, 1894—1937. A case of Anthrax in a bovine was found in a knackers yard which did not affect the slaughtering of other animals at the Council's Abattoir. A case of Swine Fever was notified under the Swine Fever Order necessitating the closing of the Abattoir from the 13th to the 15th September. Subsequently, a number of consignments of pigs were licensed, from premises under movement restrictions, to the Abattoir for slaughter. Such licences are only granted by an Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

UNSOUND FOOD	Surrendered		Seized	Legal Proceedings
	sts.	lbs.		
1. Beef (Home-killed)...	4,759	1	Nil	Nil
2. ,, (Imported)	24	4	—	—
3. Mutton (Home-killed)	321	0	—	—
4. ,, (Imported)	Nil		—	—
5. Pork	200	10	—	—
6. Game...	Nil		—	—
7. Poultry	Nil		—	—
	lbs.	ozs.		
8. Fish	119	0	—	—
9. Fruit	306	0	—	—
10. Canned goods	936	14	—	—
11. Bacon	145	0	—	—
12. Cheese	18	0	—	—
13. Butter	Nil		—	—
14. Lard	Nil		—	—
15. Eggs	12	0	—	—
16. Other foods	217	6	—	—
TOTAL ... 5,430 st. 5 lbs. 4 ozs.				

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AT THE ABATTOIR.

Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1,816	81	4,838	245	6,980

SUMMARY OF UNSOUND MEAT AND OFFAL.

	Tuberculosis	Other Diseases	Total
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Cows	16,656	21,196	37,852
Other Animals...	8,433	27,986	36,419
TOTAL ...	25,089	49,182	74,271

PERCENTAGE OF UNSOUND MEAT—2.59%

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle, excldg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ...	1504	312	81	4838	245
Number inspected ...	1504	312	81	4838	245
All diseases except Tuberculosis—					
Whole carcases condemned	7	20	15	46	15
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	556	168	12	222	120
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	37.4	60.3	33.3	5.5	55.1
Tuberculosis only—					
Whole carcases condemned	6	25	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	143	57	2	—	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	9.9	26.3	2.5	—	1.2

TUBERCULOSIS IN COWS, 1948-1950.

	1948	1949	1950
Whole Carcases condemned	23	28	25
Part Carcases or Organs affected ...	85	60	57
Percentage affected	35.7%	31.7%	26.3%

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

INSPECTIONS (including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	8	11	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority...	65	94	2	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	9	21	—	—
Total ...	82	126	2	—

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M.I.	Referred By H.M.I.	No. of cases Prosecutions instituted.
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	1	2	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences— (a) Insufficient	9	8	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective ...	5	5	—	—	—
(c) Not Separate for Sexes ...	2	1	—	1	—
Other Offences (not including Offences relating to Outwork)...	1	1	—	—	—
Total	19	18	—	2	—

HOUSING.

HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1949.

	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(*a*) By Local Authority	26	—	26
(*b*) By other Bodies or Persons ...	—	7	7

1.—Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year :

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 88

(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... Nil

(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 23

2.—Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or its officers 17

3.—Action under Statutory Powers :

(A) *Proceedings under Sections* 9, 10, *and* 16 *of the Housing Act*, 1936 :

(1) No of dwelling houses in respect of which " notices " were served requiring repairs ... Nil

(2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—

(*a*) By owners ... ... — Nil
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners — Nil

(B) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* :

(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which " notices " were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... Nil

(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(*a*) By owners ... ... — 1
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

(C) *Proceedings under Sections* 11 *and* 12 *of Housing Act*, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... Nil

(D) *Proceedings under Section* 12 *of the Housing Act*, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil
4.—Number of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included above	2

HOUSING ACT, 1949 (Sec. 20).

(a) Number of separate Dwelling Houses in respect of which applications for grant have been received	1
(b) Number of separate Dwelling Houses in respect of which applications for grant have been approved	Nil

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

This Act came into force on the 31st day of March, 1950, and is administered by, amongst others, County District Councils.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, administered by the Urban District Council of Hexham, under delegated powers, was repealed on the 30th March, 1950.

Number of premises inspected	136
Number of surface infestations treated ...	77
Number of visits and revisits	314
Estimated number of rodents destroyed ...	2,770

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Dealers Licences granted, Pasteurised	3
Dealers Licences granted, Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	3

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Dealers Licences granted	3
Supplementary Licences granted	1

MILK SAMPLES.

Number collected :—

(a) For Methylene Blue Test	140
(b) For Biological Report	11

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Renewals of Licence to Slaughter	16
New Licences Granted	Nil

DISINFECTION.

Scarlet Fever (Premises)		9
Other Cases		2
Bedding Destroyed (on request)	Lots	1
Bedding Steam Disinfected	Lots	1

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